GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES FROM RAJASTHAN BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani intelligence agency, Inter Services Intelligence and other international terrorist organisations sponsored by Pakistan are using Rajasthan`s bordering districts for the smuggling of explosives, lethal weapon, narcotics, fake currency and infiltrating terrorists also;

(b) if so, the details of such activities that have taken place during the last three years;

(c) the number of persons arrested for involvement in such activities alongwith the items seized from them;

(d) the details of the action taken/being taken against them alongwith the legal provisions under which the action is being taken; and

(e) the details of collected efforts and strategy being adopted by the Union Government and Rajasthan Government to take stringent action in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Some incidents of smuggling of Narcotics, arms and explosives in bordering districts of Rajasthan have been reported.

(b) to (d): As `Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects, details in this regard are not maintained by the Central Govt.

(e): In order to counter infiltration, smuggling and other illegal activities from across the Rajasthan border, Government have undertaken the construction of fencing and flood lighting of this border. 200 Kms. of border roads have also been constructed on Rajasthan border to facilitate patrolling by BSF.
Government have also adopted a well coordinated multipronged approach for tackling such illegal and anti-national activities, which includes strengthening of border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, setting up of outposts of security forces, modernization of police and security forces, raising of additional battalions of border guarding forces, intensification of patrolling both on the land and riverine borders, induction of modern equipments to prevent illegal activities from across Indo-Pakistan.

In addition, special steps have been taken by the State Government to check the situtation which include setting up of an anti-terrorist cell, strengthening of intelligence infrastructure on the border and regular sensitisation of the district authorities in sensitive and strategically located districts. Steps taken by the Central and State Government have resulted in detection and neutralisation of various Pak sponsored modules.